

FROM THE FOUNDER OF THE #VIKISEWS BRAND



Back in 2016, when I was working on my first set of sewing instructions, I was trying to write them in such a way that even a complete beginner could easily understand and use them to create their very first garment. These instructions laid the foundation for the Vikisews brand, its vision and its mission. I wanted to create modern patterns with the most detailed and clear instructions.

Now, with each new collection we are constantly improving our instructions, amending them and adding more relevant details. By the time the final product reaches you, our drafters, correctors, and editors would have spent weeks perfecting every word and every photograph. If you compile a few of our instructions together, you will get a sewing manual that will assist you in sewing all kinds of garments at any difficulty level.

And I would be very happy if these instructions helped you to turn your hobby into a lifelong passion... Enjoy the process! Create your ultimate dream wardrobe! Wear your garments proudly for years to come!

If you have any questions, please contact us at info@vikisews.com - we are always there to help.



LEORA PATTERN DESCRIPTION

Leora is a close-fitting dress with a sheath silhouette. The front is made up of two separate parts, the front bodice and the front skirt. The center front bodice seam is finished with two channels. The tie pulled through the channels shapes a bust gathering. The top edge of the front skirt is curved. The dress has long set-in fitted sleeves and a deep V-neckline. Leora is below-the-knee length.



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TOTAL EASE ALLOWANCE

| Bust line ease, cm | Waistline ease, cm | Hipline ease, cm | Upper arm ease, cm | Bust line ease, in | Waistline ease, in | Hipline ease, in | Upper arm ease, in |
|--------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| (-10.1) – (-7.4) | 2.3 | -3 | -1 | (-4") – (-3") | 1" | - 1 1/8" | - 3/8" |

GARMENT LENGTH, SLEEVE LENGTH

| Height, cm | Garment length from waist down, cm | Sleeve length, cm | Height, ft | Garment length from waist down, in | Sleeve length, in |
|-------------|------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1 (154-160) | 83 | 61.7 | 1 (5'1" - 5'3") | 32 5/8" | 24 1/4" |
| 2 (162-168) | 86 | 63.7 | 2 (5'4" - 5'6") | 33 7/8" | 25 1/8" |
| 3 (170-176) | 89 | 65.6 | 3 (5'7" - 5'9") | 35" | 25 7/8" |
| 4 (178-184) | 92 | 67.4 | 4 (5'10" - 6'1") | 36 1/4" | 26 1/2" |

SUGGESTED FABRIC

To sew this dress, choose knit fabrics with the following properties:

- Medium weight, soft, breathable, malleable, stretchy (with elastane content)
- The fiber content can include natural fibers (wool, cotton), artificial (viscose), blends (wool + polyester, cotton + polyester, cotton + elastane, etc.), and synthetic (polyester, polyester + elastane)
- The following fabrics are recommended: sweater knit, ponte di roma, knit fabrics, double-knit fabrics, rib knit fabrics

Attention! We do not recommend using lightweight sheer fabrics (chiffon, organza, stretch lace).

The dress in the photo is made of a double-knit fabric. The fabric is medium weight, malleable and stretchy. The fiber content is a blend of wool, viscose and elastane.

TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT

- Sewing machine for construction
- Overlocker for construction and for finishing raw edges. This may be replaced with a stretch overlock stitch or a zigzag stitch on the sewing machine (overlock or zigzag stitch width 2-3mm, stitch length 2.5mm)
- Coverstitch / coverlock machine for finishing the garment hem. If such a machine is not available, the garment hem can be finished with a twin needle on the sewing machine with a zigzag function
- Loop turner
- Ballpoint needles for knits

IMPORTANT! For knit projects, we recommend using special sewing needles for stretchy knit fabrics (e.g. STRETCH, SUPER STRETCH, JERSEY, etc.). When sewing, a ball-shaped needle point pushes the knit loops apart without piercing the threads.

PATTERN PIECES LIST

1. From main fabric:

- Back - cut 1 on fold
- Front bodice - cut 2
- Front skirt - cut 1 on fold
- Sleeve - cut 2
- Tie - cut 2

2. From additional fabric:

- Knit bias tape. This is required to finish the top edge of the front skirt and the neckline edge (the length is to be measured on the paper pattern).

IMPORTANT! Don't forget to transfer all pattern notches onto the fabric.

3. From interfacing:

- Back shoulder seam allowances

The seam allowances are reinforced with strips of fusible interfacing material, 1.5cm (5/8") wide and equal in length to the shoulder edge (to be measured on the paper pattern). The interfacing grainline is parallel to the long side (runs along the selvedge of the fusible material).

- Back neckline seam allowance. The seam allowance is reinforced with a strip of fusible interfacing material, 1.5cm (5/8") wide and 10cm (4") long. The interfacing grainline runs crosswise (along the weft threads).

Fusible straight grained seam tape, 1cm (5/8") wide, can be used as an alternative. The interfacing must be applied at 3mm (1/8") from the edge.



Press and steam the shoulder seams on a tailor's board by pressing the seams flat first and then pressing the seam allowances to the front.



Place the knit bias tape along the edge of the neckline on the wrong side of the garment. The bias tape must lay smoothly on the front bodice pieces and be stretched a little at the back (the part of the bias tape intended for the back neckline area must be 1.5-2cm (5/8"-3/4") shorter than the back neckline before stretching). Pin, baste if necessary, and stitch on the overlocker, with the right side of the garment facing up.

